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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Chelan County

In December 2008 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Cynthia L. Reed** (HC00144729) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly felt a patient's veins with ungloved hands and failed to respond to department inquiries regarding the allegation.

Cowlitz County

In December 2008 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Angela M. Walborn** (RC60036502) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She was convicted of possession of a controlled substance. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

King County

In December 2008 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Darlene Bausch** (LP00044484) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to ensure a patient's care plan was implemented which resulted in patient injury.

In December 2008 the Medical Commission reinstated the license of physician **John J. Fina** (MD00033991). Dr. Fina does not have restrictions against his license.

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In December 2008 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of **Terrance Orlando Jones** (CP60044697) and placed his license on probation for five years. His credential to practice as a registered counselor was placed on probation in 2007. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In December 2008 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **James R. Jovick** (LP00040424) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In December 2008 the Nursing Assistant Program placed the certification of certified nursing assistant **Marnette Keister** (NC10069679) on probation for five years. She would have another caregiver care for her patients but created a timesheet showing she had cared for the patients. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In December 2008 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Nicole T. Webb** (RC60033077) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She was convicted of theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Kitsap County

In December 2008 the Massage Therapy Program granted the reactivation application of **Mara C. Lindbergh** (MA00006369) and placed terms and conditions on her license. She practiced massage therapy while her license was expired.

Okanogan County

In December 2008 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Steven M. Buckminster** (HC00131320) with unprofessional conduct. He was found guilty of first degree child rape.

Pierce County

In October 2008 the X-Ray Technician Program denied the application of **Benjamin A. Casbarro** (XT00006624). He was convicted of conspiracy to import a controlled drug – LSD, disorderly conduct, possession of drug paraphernalia, criminal possession of drug paraphernalia, and criminal possession of dangerous drugs.

In November 2008 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Kristina L. Lemon** (RC60039997) and placed her registration on probation for three years. She was convicted of possession of controlled substance – methamphetamine. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In December 2008 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Kori E. Martin** (NC10066045) with unprofessional conduct. Martin allegedly failed to respond to department inquiries regarding a complaint.

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In December 2008 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Dilys Deneise Miller** (RC60023969) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She was convicted of unlawful possession of a controlled substance – methamphetamine on more than one occasion. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In December 2008 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Tiffany M. Quimby** (NC10093963) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to respond to department inquiries regarding a complaint.

Skagit County

In December 2008 the Nursing Commission granted the application of registered nurse **Lisa A. Dickinson** (RN60049053) and placed her license on probation. Her license to practice as a licensed practical nurse was placed on probation in 2007. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Snohomish County

In December 2008 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Debra S. Nelson** (RN00079651) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against her license.

In December 2008 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Andrew D. Pestanio** (HC00155217) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against his license.

In December 2008 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Melody J. Poe** (RC60034965) and placed her registration on probation for three years. She was convicted of drunk and disorderly conduct, possession of methamphetamine, criminal mischief, and possession of a controlled substance. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In December 2008 the Medical Commission reinstated the license of physician **Heidi S. Rendall** (MD00019337). Dr. Rendall does not have restrictions against her license.

In December 2008 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Deanna Rae Scholl** (RN00070969) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions previously set against her license, and failed to properly respond to calls from patients.

Thurston County

In December 2008 the Board of Pharmacy amended the statement of charges against pharmacist **Magdalene Atem-Ossiander** (PH00019524). She allegedly changed a prescription to the generic version even though the physician's orders were to fill as written.

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In November 2008 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacist **Donald K. Pohl** (PH00065236) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against his license. He also allegedly diverted drugs from his place of employment for his own use, and entered into a drug court agreement for theft charges.

Whatcom County

In December 2008 the Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System charged emergency medical technician **George M. St. James** (ES00131260) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly pushed his girl friend to the ground, damaged her property, and admitted he was paid to transport marijuana across the Canadian border. He has been charged with assault – domestic violence, malicious mischief – domestic violence and possession with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance.

In December 2008 the Medical Commission entered into an agreed order with physician **Roger E. Sharf** (MD00029218). He violated boundaries with a patient by entering into a social relationship with the patient and her family. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Yakima County

In December 2008 the Licensed Mental Health Counselor Program charged **Pia P. Hull** (LH00007865) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly referred patients to another licensed mental health counselor and in return for the referral; she received 50 percent of the fees collected from the clients referred.

Out of State

California: In December 2008 the Medical Commission placed the license of physician **Khanh Pham** (MD00023507) on probation until he has complied with a California order. His license to practice as a physician in California was placed on probation. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

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